

My name is David Crockett. I have lived in CT my entire life. I am blessed with 3 wonderful daughters and a loving wife. My family and I were horrified by the tragic events in Newtown. It is truly one of the saddest days our state and country has experienced.

I write this letter today to let you know that I do not support any of the firearm legislation being proposed in CT, or nationally for that matter.

It is an incredibly sad statement about our society when the defenseless and innocent are killed by madmen. It shows that our society is failing in its most very basic tenet - the nurturing and caring for children so that they are raised to respect life and treat others with respect. This is the critical failure in our nation. It is the direct cause of tragedies like Newtown. Why are we not focusing on this failure? Why do we find blame in everything else?

When I use logic and reason to discuss these issues I cannot comprehend that our government uses a tragedy to turn around and ask its citizens become even more defenseless. It tells us that because of the acts of a few madmen, 300 million citizens of this country should become victims and be deprived of our inalienable right to defend ourselves from these same madmen. It tells us that we need to put further restrictions on the second most critical of our rights guaranteed to us by our constitution. A government that would tell us that we should only have 1 round to defend ourselves, while our evil minded adversaries have whatever they want, because they are by their nature criminals and will not adhere to laws of men.

If we put aside our agendas, and we speak honestly on this topic, we know with absolutely certainty that criminals, regardless of how much legislation we put in place, will continue to disobey the law. It is in their nature. A madman who is about to commit the greatest of evil, will not stop because of a law that tells him he can only have 1 round in his gun, or that the property he is about to enter is a gun free zone. Most likely, he isn't even aware of obscure firearms laws, and if he is he certainly doesn't care. He has one singular intent, and laws will not stop that. Only another person can stop him.

Stop disarming and victimizing our citizens. Stop making criminals out of law abiding citizens by concocting obscure legislation that is barely understandable by the citizenry. Stop pretending to solve the issue by waving around a false flag of gun control saving lives.

Start using logic and reason. Start identifying the real issues at hand, the failure of teaching our children respect for life. Start using the facts that are provided to us by the FBI and the CDC, and by scholars who study crime that prove beyond a doubt that more gun laws will not reduce crime. Start looking at the failures of other cities and countries that have introduced strict gun control that have some of the highest violent crime rates and death rates.

I wish to continue to live in Connecticut, I want my children to grow up here. But I will not live in a state that can not entrust its own citizens with their own defense. A state that wishes to over regulate every aspect of life. It is not what was intended for the citizens of this country.

Sincerely,
David Crockett